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Sir:

In response to the written restriction requirement dated May 19, 2003, the Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the Group I claims, i.e. claims 1-7, 12-21, 38-40 and 42-45, drawn to a method for controlling pests, comprising administering to said pest an effective amount of an amino acid or an analog thereof.

Please amend the subject application as follows: